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SUBJ: LAO-KOREAN RELATIONS

REF: VIENTIANE 4741 (NOTAL) AND PREVIOUS

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1. LAO-LANGUAGE DAILY XAT LAO IN ITS EDITION OF JUNE 12 REPORTED A RECOMMENDATION BY THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL (JNPC) TO THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION (PGNU) -- I.E., TO THE CABINET -- THAT LAOS IMMEDIATELY BREAK RELATIONS WITH "FASCIST REGIME" OF PARK CHUNG HEE. RECOMMENDATION REPORTEDLY STATES THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS (IN 1974) WAS ORCHESTRATED BY VIENTIANE-SIDE OFFICIALS OF THE PGNU WHO HAVE "ALL ALREADY QUIT THEIR POSTS."

2. ARTICLE ADDS THAT JNPC ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE JULY 7 SUPPORTING THE KOREAN PEOPLE IN THEIR "STRUGGLE TO CHASE THE OCCUPYING AMERICAN TROOPS OUT OF SOUTH KOREA SO AS TO REUNIFY KOREA PEACEFULLY WITHOUT
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FOREIGN INTERFERENCE." THE COMMUNIQUE REPORTEDLY STATES

THAT THE US USED THE UNITED NATIONS AS A FACADE FOR ITS AGGRESSION AGAINST THE KOREAN PEOPLE AND CALLS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTH KOREA OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS, "ESPECIALLY AMERICAN," SO THAT KOREAN PEOPLE CAN SETTLE THEIR OWN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

3. THE COMMUNIQUE FURTHER CALLS ON THE US TO END ITS SUPPORT FOR PARK'S "FASCIST REGIME" AND TO "RENOUNCE IMMEDIATELY ITS POLICY OF PRESSURE AND NUCLEAR THREAT AGAINST THE KOREAN PEOPLE. IF NOT, THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL AGAIN EXPERIENCE THE FATE WHICH WAS RESERVED FOR IT IN SOUTH VIET-NAM, CAMBODIA AND LAOS."

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4. COMMENTS: JNPC PRONOUNCEMENTS HAVE A WAY OF BECOMING OFFICIAL PGNU POLICY. WE THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT VIENTIANE IS WELL ON PATH TO BREAKING RELATIONS WITH SEOUL AND THAT ROK AMBASSADOR IN BANGKOK MAY NOT BE PERMITTED TO REVISIT LAOS WERE HE NOW TO APPLY (REFTEL). AMB. AND ROKG SHOULD HAVE THIS INFORMATION AND DECIDE WHETHER TO ATTEMPT A VISIT. IF THEY DECIDE TO TRY, THEY SHOULD TRY SOON. LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER PHOUNE SIPRASEUTH (OR SIPASEUTH) ASSUMED DUTY OF FON MIN JULY 14, ONE WEEK AFTER DEPARTURE OF PHOUMI VONGVICHIT. THERE IS, THUS AT LEAST, SOMEONE OF APPROPRIATE RANK FOR ROK AMBASSADOR TO TALK TO IN VIENTIANE.
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